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WASHINGTON Sidelights

An Absence Hurt U.S. in U-2 Crisis

Col. Grogan of CIA in Hospital During Critical Time

Buffalo Evening News Bureau
WASHINGTON, June 1 — Key

reason for butterfly fingers handing the first U. S. statements about Soviet capture of a U-2 reconnaissance airplane was that Col. Stanley Grogan, Allen Dulles' right hand man in such matters, was in the hospital with a flare-up of an ulcer that has bothered him for years.

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Col. Grogan comes as close to being the Central Intelligence Agency's information specialist as the hush-hush operation permits. Underneath an agreeable manner, he's tough as nails.

But because he calls the signals on any public statement by the CIA, a real link in the intelligence chain is missing when he can't be at his desk.